

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 14 and 16 -31 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 – 6, 9 – 14 and 16 – 30 were rejected. Claims 7, 8 and 31 were objected to.

Claims 3 – 10, 12, 13, 23, 30 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claim 3 has been amended to clarify that the bisphenol A and bisphenol F resins are epoxy resins. Claims 12 and 13 have been amended to provide the correct name of the PGMEA composition – propylene glycol methyl ether acetate. The specification has also been amended to reflect this correction. Claims 6, 7, 23, 30 and 31 have been cancelled. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3 – 5, 8 – 10, 12 and 13 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph.

Claims 7, 8 and 31 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants are grateful for this indication. Accordingly, base claim 1 has been amended to include substantially the limitations of allowable claim 7. Claim 7 has been cancelled. Claims 24 and 29 have been amended to include substantially the limitations of claim 31. Claim 31 has been cancelled.

Claims 1 – 6, 9 – 12, 14 and 16 – 30 were rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,746,896, issued to Shi, in view of DD 218 377 or J07224153. Claims 6, 22, 23 and 30 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 24 and 29 have been amended to include substantially the limitations of allowable claims 7 and 31. Claims 2 – 5, 9 – 12, 14, 16 – 21 and 25 – 28 are directly or indirectly dependent upon allowable claims 1, 24 or 29. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 – 5, 9 – 12, 14, 16 – 21 and 24 – 30 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Shi in view of DD 218 377 or J07224153.

Claims 1 – 6, 9 – 14 and 16 – 30 were rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,746,896, issued to Shi, in view of DD 218 377 or J07224153 in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,265,776, issued to Gilleo. Claims 6, 22, 23 and 30 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 24 and 29 have been amended to include substantially the limitations of

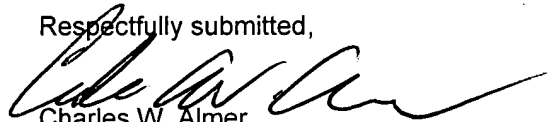
allowable claims 7 and 31. Claims 2 – 5, 9 – 14, 16 – 21 and 25 – 28 are directly or indirectly dependent upon allowable claims 1, 24 or 29. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 – 5, 9 – 14, 16 – 21 and 24 – 30 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Shi in view of DD 218 377 or J07224153 in further view of Gilleo.

Claims 1 – 6, 9 – 12, 14 and 16 – 30 were rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,746,896, issued to Shi, in view of DD 218 377 or J07224153 in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,458,472, issued to Konarski. Claims 6, 22, 23 and 30 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 24 and 29 have been amended to include substantially the limitations of allowable claims 7 and 31. Claims 2 – 5, 9 – 14, 16 – 21 and 25 – 28 are directly or indirectly dependent upon allowable claims 1, 24 or 29. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 – 5, 9 – 14, 16 – 21 and 24 – 30 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Shi in view of DD 218 377 or J07224153 in further view of Konarski.

The Examiner indicated that claim 22 was required to be cancelled. Claim 22 has been cancelled in accordance with the Examiner's requirement.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. If there are any issues that the Examiner wishes to discuss, he is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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